(b) The proposed Armed Forces Tribunal shall adjudicate upon the disputes and complaints with respect to commission, appointment enrolment, condition of service in respect of persons subject to the Army Act 1950, the Navy Act 1957 and the Air Force Act 1950 and also appeals arising out of orders, findings/sentence of Courts Martial held under the said Acts.

(c) and (d) It will be the prerogative of the High Court to remit such cases to the Tribunal for redressal of grievances.

Maritime Patrol Aircraft

768.SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India with 7,516 kms of coastline, 1197 islands and 2.01 millions of Exclusive Economy Zone does not have a single latest long range maritime patrol aircraft operating;

(b) If so, whether this proposal is there in the Tenth Defence Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Indian Navy has the adequate number of aircraft to meet the requirement for long range maritime patrolling. Some of these are undergoing up-gradation by refurbishment and modernisation during the Tenth Defence Plan to enhance their capabilities keeping in view the latest technological advancements.

Installation of Bio-Digesters In Siachen

769.SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army has installed bio-digesters capable of burning human waste to address growing pollution on the Siachen glacier,

(b) if so, the details of how these bio-digesters help in arresting environmental pollution at Siachen; and

(c) the cost of installing bio-digesters?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Six bio-digesters capable of decomposing wastes have been installed at various locations in the Siachen sector. These bio-digesters contain filtering system and a soaking pit. The heavy particles containing